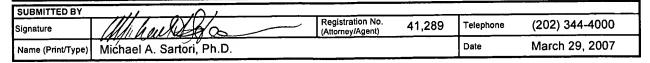
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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.